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1. SAG ACTION IS INDEED UNFORTUNATE AT THIS TIME BECAUSE IT COULD JEOPARDIZE THE PROCESS IN WHICH WE ARE PRESENTLY ENGAGED. I CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT SAG, PERHAPS NOT AT HIGH LEVEL, COULD NOT RESIST TEMPTATION WHICH INFORMATION ABOUT UNARMED SWAPO CAMP PROVIDED.

2. I SUGGEST THAT WE MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO SAG TO EFFECT THAT THIS KIND OF ACTION AT THIS TIME DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO PROCESS FOR ACHIEVING NEGOTIATED SOLUTIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. MANY AFRICANS ARE DOUBLY SENSITIVE ON THIS SCORE AFTER ISRAELI OPERATION IN ENTEBBE

3. WE SHOULD THEN TELL KAUNDA PRIVATELY THAT WE HAVE INFORMED SAG OF OUR DISAPPROVAL.

4. AT LEAST IF WE DO THIS WE COULD REDUCE POSSIBILITY THAT SAG RAID WILL REFLECT ON CREDIBILITY OF U.S. IN ITS PRESENT EFFORTS. SMITH

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